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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

Board of Supervisors  
GLORIA MOLINA  
First District

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Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY  
Third District

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Fourth District

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Fifth District

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES:  
ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT NUMBER 87097  
APPROVE PROJECT AND BUDGET FOR  
THE LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER TALYST SYSTEM PROJECT  
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will establish Capital Project Number 87097 and approve the Project budget for the LAC+USC Medical Center Talyst System Project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act for reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the Project.
2. Establish Capital Project Number 87097 for the LAC+USC Medical Center Talyst System Project with a total Project budget of \$500,000.
3. Approve and authorize the Department of Public Works to proceed with the completion and delivery of the Project using a Job Order Contractor.

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**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to proceed with the necessary renovation work to accommodate the installation of a new Talyst automated medication dispensing system.

As part of an overall Department of Health Services (DHS) countywide effort, Talyst systems have been installed at Harbor-UCLA and Olive View Medical Centers. A Talyst system is also currently being installed at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center. LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC) is the only County hospital without a Talyst system in its pharmacy. Upon your Board's approval, Public Works will proceed with the renovation of existing space to accommodate installation of the Talyst system. The new system will improve LAC+USC's operating efficiency and quality control and allow DHS to ensure that all of its facilities are filling prescriptions accurately and provide better tracking.

The proposed Project consists of renovation work within the existing inpatient pharmacy area to accommodate the installation of three new Talyst automated medication dispensing units. During construction a small portion of the existing emergency room, located below the pharmacy will be temporarily impacted in order for the construction crew to obtain adequate access to the flooring space beneath the pharmacy. Public Works and DHS' architectural staff has coordinated activities with LAC+USC so that the construction work will not have an adverse impact on current operations.

Design services were completed by Public Works Architectural Engineering Division, with assistance from STV Incorporated, a Board approved As-Needed Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing, Engineering Design and Design Review Services Consultant, managed by Public Works. Plans are currently being reviewed by the Office of Statewide Planning and Development.

This Project will be completed by a Job Order Contractor managed by Public Works, with support from DHS Capital Projects Division. Following completion of the renovation work, the Talyst equipment will be installed by the equipment vendor under a separate contract with DHS.

The proposed Project is anticipated to be completed in six months.

### **Green Building/Sustainable Design Program**

The Project will support your Board's Sustainable Design Program by incorporating low impact development features, such as permeable pavement in the parking lot to capture, filter, and percolate stormwater runoff on-site.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Health and Mental Health (Goal 4) of County's updated Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost for this Project is \$500,000, including base construction, contingency, design services, permit/inspection services, County services, and other related Project costs.

The cost of the Talyst equipment is not included in this budget as procurement and installation of the Talyst equipment will be completed by an outside vendor, under an existing DHS-funded contract.

There is sufficient appropriation available in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget to fund the proposed Project. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Attachment I.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with your Board's Civic Art Policy adopted on December 7, 2004 and subsequently amended, civic art fees do not apply to the proposed Project as the eligible Project cost is \$500,000 or less.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which includes the installation of three new Talyst automated medication dispensing units in the Inpatient Tower Pharmacy, as well as structural reinforcement of the floor in the pharmacy, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (a) and 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(d)(i) and 3 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G dealing with operation and minor alteration of existing facilities and

installation of small equipment. The Project involves no expansion of an existing use. In addition, the Project is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the Project records.

Upon your Board's approval of the Project, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

There will be no impact to pharmacy services during this Project.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and the Department of Health Services, Capital Projects Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Art Commission  
Health Services  
Public Works

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES:  
ESTABLISH THE LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER  
TALYST SYSTEM PROJECT (CP. NO. 87097)  
AND APPROVE PROJECT BUDGET  
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**I. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>Budget Category</b>		<b>Project Budget</b>
Construction		\$335,000
Contingency		\$35,000
Design Services		\$10,000
Jurisdictional Agency Inspection		\$5,000
Consultant Services		\$25,000
County Services		\$90,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>

**II. PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>Project Activity</b>		<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>
Construction Documents		Completed
Jurisdictional Approvals		October 2011
Award Construction Contract		November 2011
Construction Substantial Completion		January 2012
Project Acceptance		February 2012